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Dear Mr. Fountain:

Thank you for your letter of 4 December 1978 to Admiral Turner on behalf of Mr. Bruce Strickland concerning the status of his Privacy Act request.

I am advised that Mr. Strickland's request was received on the 9th of November and was acknowledged on the 16th. It was promptly put into processing. Two of the four components to which it was sent; have reported that they have no record concerning Mr. Strickland. The remaining offices, both of which are heavily backlogged, have not yet reported. Mr. Strickland will be informed, through our Information and Privacy Staff, as soon as the search is completed.

I regret that we are unable to respond more promptly. However, we have a backlog of almost 2,800 similar requests. We cannot, in fairness to Mr. Strickland's fellow citizens, assign special priority to his case.

Sincerely,

And Brenk C. Cerlucci

Frank C. Carlucci

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